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SUMMARY

The Chinese Communists utilized the Korean War anniversary to bind their countrymen more tightly into the Soviet Bloc by pointing out Soviet accomplishments in world politics. Yet, in spite of such assurances, there is no note of optimism, but only bewilderment as to the future course of the war. Ambassador Roschin's recall was an occasion for mutual felicitations, but nothing was said about "achievements." Since SSFA propaganda does not seem to be making much headway, propaganda about Soviet technological superiority is now being used to win over the workers. Chinese workers, especially senior men and technicians, are warned to promote progressive Soviet techniques or suffer the consequences.

The strain of the Korean War is hidden under claims of women doing men's work successfully. The dwindling farm production, due primarily to labor and fertilizer shortages, is blamed upon drought and ravages of insects. For example, peasants in Lanchi are accused of using ashes for fertilizer.

Nation-wide reductions of interest rates attest to attempts to revive trade. Chen Yun called for sanity in dealing with private trade by ostracizing officials and workers who took advantage of it in the five-anti's drive.

Party Day was not able for a call for an indirect purge through the lowering of barriers to Party membership, "fearless" promotion of nonveteran Party men, and the initiation of a cultural reform drive. In the face of regimentation measures, strong resistance seems to be growing among the cadres, some of whom are trying to get out of their jobs, relaxing controls over "unlawful" elements, and demanding transfers to "pleasanter climates." To placate them, the Government has granted the latter and also offered free medical service.

Exploited minorities are taught to grow red tea because "the USSR wants that kind." Tibetan "unsalable stocks" are bought by State trading companies, which cut prices on daily necessities "7 to 50 percent", thus effectively putting the native selling them out of business. Chinese abroad are urged to write, especially concerning their assets, to Overseas Affairs Bureaus, which promise "full attention."

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